

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1020 - SB 1094**

March 12, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the judges at a polling place hand count and record the number of ballots and compare that number with the tally sheets.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$14,600/FY23-24 and Every Four Years Thereafter**

**Increase Local Expenditures –**

**\$29,100/FY24-25 and Every Two Years Thereafter\***

**\$14,600/FY25-26 and Every Four Years Thereafter\***

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-8-104, county election commissions or their designees must compare the votes from the tally tapes of all appropriate sources to the tabulated election results.
- There are currently five counties with 91 voting centers total, which have a significantly larger number of ballots cast each election.
- In order to hand count each ballot, each voting center would require two additional election officials, who are paid an average per diem of \$160.
- Therefore, the total increase in expenditures per election will be \$14,560 (91 x \$160) per election, which will be paid for with local expenditures, except for the Presidential Preference Primary election, which will be paid for with state expenditures.
- The total increase in state expenditures will be \$14,560 in FY23-24 and every four years thereafter.
- The total increase in local expenditures will be \$29,120 (\$14,560 x 2 elections) in FY24-25 and every two years thereafter, and \$14,560 in FY25-26 and every four years thereafter.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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